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SUBJECT: LARG NATIONALIZES 51 PERCENT OF OTHER PRODUCERS

1. THIS IS TO CONFIRM, AS CARRIED ON WIRE SERVICES, THAT LARG RADIO ABOUT 1930 LOCAL TIME SEPTEMBER ONE ANNOUNCED IN ARABIC BROADCAST THAT A NUMBER OF OIL PRODUCING COMPANIES IN LIBYA WERE NATIONALIZED 51 PERCENT BY RCC DECREE. IN ABSENCE OF TEXT IN ENGLISH TILL TOMORROW MORNING, EXACT LIST OF COMPANIES NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR, BUT INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING AMERICAN COMPANIES: ESSO LIBYA AND ESSO SIRTE, LIBYAN AMERICAN OIL COMPANY, MOBIL, TEXACO AND PRESUMABLY ITS PARTNER IN AMOSEAS, USUALLY CALLED STANDARD OF CALIF-
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ORNIA BUT LISTED AS ASIA OIL OF CALIFORNIA. ALSO GELSENBERG (GERMAN) AND SHELL EXPLORATION (BRITISH-DUTCH. EACH COMPANY TO BE HEADED BY A COMMITTEE WITH TWO LIBYAN MEMBERS AND ONE EXPATIRATE. NO FURTHER DETAILS GIVEN IN ANNOUNCEMENT SO FAR AS WE INFORMED.

2. ABOUT SAME TIME LOCAL MANAGERS CALLED DOWN TO MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM. PLAN TO REPORT DETAILS THEY MAY BE GIVEN BY SEPTEL ON SEPTEMBER 2. JOSIF

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